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Joshua 1:7

“Only be strong and very courageous...” Joshua 1:7

What are you facing today that may cause you to dread, to worry or fear? Whether real or imagined, fear will paralyze you. Once paralyzed by such worries our witness for Christ becomes paralyzed as well.

There are natural means of dealing with fears and people use these techniques every day. But better yet, there is a way we can become fear free! “Fear not, for I AM with you. Be not dismayed, for I AM your God. I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness.” (Isaiah 41:10). As Isaiah prophesied such reality, the LORD in like manner could tell Joshua to be “strong and courageous”, because He Himself would walk with him, “as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.” Therefore, be strong and of good courage!” (Joshua 1:5-6)

Like Joshua of old, we too have the abiding Presence that removes fears, worries, and concerns! “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear...” (1 John 4:18). Because Jesus, Love Himself, has promised to be “with you always,” (Matthew 28:20), we can ourselves be strong and very courageous regardless of what we may be facing today!

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